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SUBJ: EC REPORT ON BRAZILIAN GATT REFORM PROPOSAL

REFTEL: 75 MTN GENEVA 9195, 75 MTN GENEVA 9392 (NOTAL)

1. ABBOTT OF EC GAVE MTN OFFICER FOLLOWING REPORT OF
MEETING (AT EC INITIATIVE) WITH BRAZILIAN DEL ON ITS
GATT REFORM PROPOSAL (REFTELS).

2. BRAZILIAN DEL SEEMED TO SAY IT WAS FLEXIBLE ON
PRACTICALLY EVERY ASPECT OF ITS PROPOSAL INCLUDING
FORMULATION OF MANDATE FOR GROUP, WORK AGENDA, MODE OF
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OPERATION, AND EVEN TIMING OF ITS CREATION. DURING

DISCUSSION IT IMPLIED BOTH THAT REFORM GROUP SHOULD GET UNDERWAY THIS YEAR AND THAT THIS WORK COULD BE PUT OFF UNTIL NEAR END OF MTN. GENERAL IMPRESSION WAS THAT BRAZILIAN DEL UNINSTRUCTED ON SUBSTANTIVE DETAILS. NEVERTHELESS, IT UNEQUIVOCALLY REJECTED EC SUGGESTION THAT WHOLE IDEA BE DEFERRED BEYOND SCHEDULED MID-SUMMER TNC CONSIDERATION.

3. ABBOTT ADMITTED THAT EC HAD CAUTIONED BRAZILIAN DEL AGAINST PLAYING INTO US HANDS WITH ITS REFORM GROUP PROPOSAL, WARNING THAT THERE COULD BE US EFFORT TO TAKE OVER THE REFORM GROUP IN ORDER TO ADVANCE ITS OWN LONG LIST OF GATT REFORM GOALS. HE SOUGHT TO CONVEY TO US IMPRESSION THAT EC WAS RELAXED ABOUT BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL AS LONG AS IT DID NOT TURN OUT TO BE A STALKING HORSE FOR SOME US INITIATIVE ON GATT REFORM.

4. MTN DEL WILL MEET WITH BRAZILIANS JAN 22 (AT LATTER'S INITIATIVE) TO DISCUSS BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL. CULBERT

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